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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

CHANDIGARH

NOTIFICATION

The 22nd August, 2022

No. WR-IRWR04/11/2022-IW3/1/412032/2022(3).-The vacant lands of Department of Water Resources shall be leased as per the following policy guidelines/instruction so as to make the process more transparent and generate more revenue for the state exchequer: -

1. All the vacant lands of the department i.e. within the boundaries of a canal rest house compound and outside the limits of a canal rest house compound shall be given on lease via public auction only.
2. The reserve price shall be fixed by Price Fixation Committee headed by concerned Superintending Engineer, Canals. The other members will be concerned Executive Engineer, Block Development and Panchayat Officer and a representative of District Administration.
3. The Reserve Price Fixation Committee shall fix the reserve price on the basis of market rental value of similar lands in the neighbourhood. Besides, the committee shall also take into consideration the prevailing lease rates in the vicinity in respect of Panchayat lands. The rate of rent shall be increased by at least 5% every year.
4. A common public notice at the circle level shall be published in a leading Punjabi newspaper. This notice shall be published fifteen days before the date of auction and shall specify description of land, the date, time and place fixed for the auction of the land. Besides other mode of publicity like announcements in loudspeakers in gurudwara sahib/common place shall be adopted for maximum publicity.
5. It shall be mandatory to upload the public notice on departments website and social media page.
6. Auction process shall be completed before 15 May of every year.
7. The auction shall take place in the village where it is located and shall be done under the supervision of concerned Executive Engineer, Canals.

8. Lease of land already under plough shall be given on annual basis, while the land, not under plough and infested with trees, bushes, etc. may be given for a period not exceeding 3[three years] to the highest bidder.
9. All the participants shall deposit minimum security amount as determined by Price Fixation Committee before the start of the auction process. This amount shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after the completion of the auction while the security amount of the successful bidder will be adjusted in the successful bid amount.
10. The successful bidder shall deposit 20% of the bid amount at the spot for the closing of auction process. In case of his failure to do so, the bidding process shall continue till 20% of amount is deposited by successful bidder.
11. The entire auction amount shall be deposited by the successful bidder within a week after approval. It shall be the responsibility of the supervisory officer i.e. incharge of the auction to get the auction amount deposited immediately in government account.
12. The successful bid shall be approved by concerned Superintending Engineer. This shall be done online and an automatic report shall be generated by the system for the Government and Chief Engineer.
13. In case there is no eligible bidder, the auction shall be cancelled and next date shall be determined by the Superintending Engineer for the auction.
14. The successful bidder shall not be allowed to fell/cut any tree or bring any change in the land except to increase its productivity. The change, if any to increase the productivity of the land shall be got approved by the concerned Executive Engineer.
15. The successful bidder shall vacate the land without any notice after the harvest of rabi crop.
16. An agreement between the successful bidder and Department (signed by officer incharge) shall be signed and 3 copies of the agreement shall be prepared and a copy shall be sent to concerned Tehsildar so that the land shall be shown as self-cultivated in the name of the Department in the Girdawri. The successful bidder shall not be allowed to get the land entered in his name in the Girdawri. The concerned XEN shall ensure that such entries in the revenue record and in case the needful is not done by the Department of Revenue, the matter shall be brought to the notice of the D.C. concerned by XEN Canals, personally as well as in writing.
17. Videography of the auction shall be mandatory for all the auctions.
18. Lands having area less than 1 acre will be reserved for Departmental employees as per earlier policy, however this shall be based on competitive bidding among the Departmental employees with an aim to maximize the Government revenue.
19. Department holds the right to take the land out of the purview of this policy if it intends to utilize this land for other purposes like solar power, plantations etc. This shall be done with approval of the competent authority i.e. State Government.

This issues with the approval of Water Resources, Minister, Punjab.

Sd/-

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Department of Water Resources,
Chandigarh.

The 20th August, 2022